

Greetings, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Below is an updated addition to the Combat Center Speed call for May 12, 2022. Of note, if departments do not provide updates to the Communication Strategy and Operations Office or confirm that their information is correct by 1000 on Thursday, no message will appear for that respective department.

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## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### \*COVID-19 Worldwide Supply Chain Impacts

COVID-19 continues to affect worldwide activities, which has impacted DeCA's ability to provide an uninterrupted grocery benefit to our 236 commissaries. These interruptions are unpredictable and affect dry shelf-stable, frozen and chill products. Our greatest impact is to our chill products, which are date sensitive. These chill products include alternative milks (lactose free, almond), cheese, lunch meat, breakfast meats, sour cream, cream cheese, non-dairy creamers, canned biscuits, butter, margarine and yogurt (this excludes any chill items your commissary may get from local sources, i.e. milk and eggs).

DeCA is doing everything possible to push manufactures to prioritize product to our commissaries and find alternative product sources when products become unavailable. DeCA remains committed to providing a world-class grocery benefit to our valued military communities and we appreciate your patience and understanding as we continue to work through these trying and often uncertain times.

### May is Military Appreciation Month

As an example of our continued appreciation for your service, allow us to serve you through our CLICK2GO program! In addition to the money you'll save shopping your commissary, save time through the convenience of on-line ordering and getting your groceries delivered right to your car!

### Commissary CLICK2GO Online Ordering

Commissaries demonstrate their appreciation to our Military Service Members and their Families by trying to give "a little more back" in the month of May!

Most commissaries will host a 3-4 day outdoor weekend sidewalk sale during the month of May. Sidewalk sales will offer extra savings on a variety of everyday items, putting "a little more back" into the pockets of our deserving service members who protect and serve our country. During sidewalk sales may include products such as cold cereals, snacks (nuts, chips, candy), flavored water and juices, energy drinks, beverages, pet food, international foods, baking goods, canned goods, non-food items (paper towels, toilet paper, wipes, cleaning products), baby products, and health and beauty products.

If applicable, discuss the coordination your store does to donate food items to local food banks and the average amount of donations.

### DeCA Newcomer's Welcome Brief

Did you know:

- Your Commissary is a benefit of your Military Service and supports military members of all ranks, their Families, retirees and their Families? Safe and convenient locations near you!

- Congress mandates that the Commissary must save an average of at least 23.7% in total grocery costs, when compared to off-base grocery stores near your military installation?
- DeCA is constantly collaborating with industry partners to lower prices and maximize your savings? Routinely visit your commissary to take advantage of these special deals!!
- The Commissary Brands like Freedom's Choice, Home Base, TopCare and others are of equal or better quality compared to national brands and most come at a cheaper price?
- Stateside Commissaries have reduced prices on hundreds of popular brands to emphasize the value of your Commissary benefit and provide you with Your Everyday Savings? Just look for the orange YES!
- You can submit a request to your Commissary Store Director for any products your Commissary doesn't carry? Just ask, we'll let you know if we can get it in your store.
- The commissaries.com website has over 200 meal plans and 179 of them are Dietitian Approved recipes? Many of these can be prepared in microwaves for our service members living in dorms or barracks. Our products are safe, healthy and always inspected!!

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WE ARE HIRING! The Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) is always looking for new members to join our team. To search open positions in your area, please go to USAJOBS - Search, input "commissary" into the Keywords box and input your location into the search box. Positions vary from initial entry positions (WG2) through managerial positions (GS14). Interested military spouses can send inquiries directly to: [Militaryspouse.employment@deca.mil](mailto:Militaryspouse.employment@deca.mil). This email address is also used for military spouses to send resumes for consideration to open positions at their new duty station.

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## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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1. AC/S MAGTF TRAINING

2. AC/S RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

UPCOMING STATE ELECTIONS IN THE NEXT 90 DAYS. The following states have elections for federal office in the next 90 days:

May 17: Primary Elections - Idaho, Kentucky, North Carolina, Oregon, and Pennsylvania

May 24: Primary Elections - Alabama, Arkansas, and Georgia

May 24: Special Primary Election - Minnesota CD 1

May 24: Runoff Primary Election (if necessary) - Texas

June 7: Primary Elections- California, Iowa, Mississippi, Montana, New Jersey, New Mexico and South Dakota

June 7: Special Primary Election- California US Senate

June 7: Special General Election- California CD 22

June 11: Alaska Special Primary Election- Congress At-Large

June 14: Primary Elections- Maine, Nevada, North Dakota, South Carolina, and South Dakota

June 14: Special General Election - Texas CD 34

June 21: Runoff Primary Elections: Alabama, Arkansas and Georgia

June 21: Primary Elections- District of Columbia and Virginia

June 28: Primary Elections- Colorado, Illinois, New York, Oklahoma and Utah

June 28: Runoff Primary Elections- Mississippi and South Carolina (if necessary)

July 19: Primary Election- Maryland

July 26: Runoff Primary Election- North Carolina

August 2: Primary Elections- Arizona, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri and

Washington

August 4: Primary Election- Tennessee

August 6: Territory Primary- Virgin Islands

August 9: Primary Elections- Connecticut, Minnesota, Vermont, and Wisconsin

August 9: Special General- Minnesota CD 1

August 13: Primary Election- Hawaii

August 16: Primary Elections- Alaska and Wyoming

August 16: Special General- Alaska U.S. House

August 23: Primary Elections- Florida and Oklahoma

August 27: Territory Primary- Guam

Register and request your ballot by your state's deadline. You can use FVAP's easy online assistant at [www.fvap.gov/FPCA](http://www.fvap.gov/FPCA) [ <http://www.fvap.gov/FPCA> <<http://www.fvap.gov/FPCA>> ] to walk you through each section of the form. After you finish filling out the FPCA, print it, sign it, and send it to your election office. Most states accept the FPCA by email or fax while some require it by mail. Check your state-specific guidelines at FVAP.gov. Once you receive your requested absentee ballot, vote and return it as soon as you get it. Remember to carefully follow the instructions, especially if a "security envelope" is required, and sign the package as indicated when returning it. To save time, send voted ballots electronically if allowed by state law. Voters can check if their state accepts completed absentee ballots by email, fax, or via an online portal at FVAP.gov/guide [ <https://www.fvap.gov/guide> <<https://www.fvap.gov/guide>> ].

If a requested ballot has not arrived, use the Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB) immediately at [www.fvap.gov/FWAB](http://www.fvap.gov/FWAB) [

<https://www.fvap.gov/fwab-privacy-notice> <<https://www.fvap.gov/fwab-privacy-notice>> ]. It works like a backup ballot. If your official absentee ballot arrives after sending in the FWAB, complete and send in the official ballot, too. Only one will be counted. Make sure the voted ballot is received by your state. Go to FVAP.gov, click on your state and then the "check the status of your voted ballot" button. To find your state's election website for specific information on candidates, elections, contact information, and links to your local election offices, visit our contact page [ <https://www.fvap.gov/info/contact> <<https://www.fvap.gov/info/contact>> ].

You can also reach out directly to your election office for status updates on your registration and absentee ballot. The Department of Defense is required to send this email notification starting 90 days before each election for federal office. This information is current as of April 29, 2022. As updates may occur, please check the election calendars and state guidelines at FVAP.gov for real time information. . If you would like more information on the FVAP, or need help with the absentee voting process, please go to FVAP.gov, call 703-588-1584 (toll free 1-800-438-VOTE or DSN 425-1584), or

email (vote@fvap.gov <mailto:vote@fvap.gov <mailto:vote@fvap.gov> > ). The Twentynine Palms Installation Voting Assistance Office is located in Building 1459, Center Personnel Office, or call (760) 830-1800 for voting assistance.

### 3. AC/S INSTALLATION SUPPORT

- MISSION ASSURANCE
- PROVOST MARSHAL
- SAFETY OFFICE

#### SUPERVISOR AND SAFETY REPRESENTATIVE (CDSO) TRAINING:

Per the MCO 5100.29C, Supervisors, and Safety Representative (CDSO) must be trained in the performance of their duties. The Safety Office is currently providing training on a monthly basis. All classes are conducted in Bldg. 1523N and will start at 0730 sharp. Those attending the Safety Representative (CDSO) training must have a copy of their appointment letter at the beginning of class. Please contact Mr. Yeager at 830-7262 or email at warrick.yeager@usmc.mil or Mr. Rios at 830-8467 or angel.rios@usmc.mil <mailto:angel.rios@usmc.mil> <mailto:angel.rios@usmc.mil> . Classes will not be scheduled more than one month out secondary to high no show rates.

**\*\*The Safety Office will be conducting Safety Representative (CDSO) Quarterly meetings for those that are appointed as CDSO's. Please contact Ms. Thomas at exyminue.thomas@usmc.mil or (951) 570-1406 or Mr. Yeager at 830-7262 or warrick.yeager@usmc.mil for more information OSH Safety Program**

#### Managers contact information:

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#### RESPIRATORY PROTECTION PROGRAM:

Per the MCO 5100.29C (29 CFR 1910.134), All employees assigned/required to wear a respirator due to being on the Respiratory Protection program or work in a Confined Space must be fit tested and trained in the performance of their duties. The Safety Office is currently providing training and fit testing on an appointment basis. All fit test and training will be conducted in Bldg. 1523 N. Please contact Mr. Rios at 830-8467 or Angel.rios@usmc.mil <mailto:Angel.rios@usmc.mil> <mailto:Angel.rios@usmc.mil>

- PUBLIC WORKS

- MCCS

- COMMAND FINANCIAL SPECIALIST TRAINING, 16-20 MAY

Command Financial Specialist (CFS) training will take place 16-20 May at the Career Resource Office (CRO), Bldg. 1526. This 40-hour course (0800-1600 daily) is designed to train Marines and Sailors on becoming their unit's principal source for financial education. Eligible individuals must be appointed by their Commanding Officer and must be E6 and above or Officers, must be financially stable, and have a minimum of one year remaining with the Command. Per MCO 1700.37, a command should have one CFS for every 75 Marines or Sailors. For more information or to reserve a seat in the class, please contact Ms. Kathleen Bourikas at 830-4032, or email [kathleen.bourikas@usmc.mil](mailto:kathleen.bourikas@usmc.mil) <<mailto:kathleen.bourikas@usmc.mil>> .

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- WE SALUTE YOU CELEBRATION - SATURDAY, 21 MAY

MCCS will host the We Salute You Celebration from 1600 to 2200 on Saturday, 21 May at Victory Field. The event will consist of a live concert featuring Billy Currington (with special guest Lauren Jenkins), food vendors, beer concession, a Family Fun Zone with games and attractions, giveaways, and a video booth to create personalized keepsakes. Attendees are welcome to bring their own lawn chairs, but please - no portable tables or umbrellas. For questions and additional information, please contact [TNPSpecialEvents@usmc-mccs.org](mailto:TNPSpecialEvents@usmc-mccs.org) or visit [www.mccs29palms.com](http://www.mccs29palms.com) <<http://www.mccs29palms.com>> .

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- US NAVAL ACADEMY INFORMATION SEMINAR - TUESDAY, 24 MAY

Representatives from the US Naval Academy will provide an admissions brief on 24 May at the Education Center (Bldg. 1530). There will be two sessions (0900 and 1030) for all interested service members. For more information, please contact the Education Center at 760-830-6881.

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Twentynine Palms Commissary Sidewalk Sale May 13th-15th.

- ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

GET INVOLVED in ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION at MCAGCC 29 Palms by taking this short survey:

Survey link in English: <https://www.research.net/r/29PalmsWeb2022> <<https://www.research.net/r/29PalmsWeb2022>>

Enlace de la encuesta en español: <https://es.research.net/r/9Q9KYRQ> <<https://es.research.net/r/9Q9KYRQ>>

Why now? The Navy is updating its Community Involvement Plan (CIP) for MCAGCC. They would like to better understand community interests and concerns about the Navy's environmental cleanup here at Twentynine Palms. In addition, the Navy would like to learn more about the best ways to share information with people who live and work on and around the base. The electronic survey will be conducted during the month of May 2022. Survey results will be used during the Navy's upcoming update of the MCAGCC 29 Palms Environmental Restoration Program's CIP.

The Navy and Environmental Affairs thanks you for doing your part to Support Environmental Restoration here at MCAGCC! For more information about the CIP survey, open the attached PDF. For more information about Environmental Restoration at MCAGCC, please contact MCAGCC's Environmental Restoration Program Manager at 760.830.7722 or visit

<https://www.29palms.marines.mil/Staff-offices/Environmental-Affairs/> <<https://www.29palms.marines.mil/Staff-offices/Environmental-Affairs/>>

- CENTER LOGISTICS DIVISION

- USMC/GSA SERVMART B1102 CLOSURE 30 May through 6 June 2022

The USMC/GSA ServMart in BLDG. 1102 will be closed 30 May through 6 June 2022. All sales are final after 1 May, no returns for credit. The ServMart will reopen for normal business on Tuesday, 7 June, with new GSA contracted suppliers. Point of contact is the ServMart Manager, Ms. Sai Sturms, or the CMSC Deputy Steve Doult. ServMart Customer Service desk is 760-830-1932.

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#### MILITARY HOUSING OFFICE:

In support of the natural gas line replacement project, contractors will be conducting road closures throughout the Ocotillo housing district. Road closure will occur from 9 May to 7 June 2022. During the Ocotillo housing district road closures, trash pickups (Thursday's) will occur starting at 0600. Please have your trash on the curb prior to that time. Trash collection for those homes on those affected streets that weren't serviced on Thursday will occur at 0600 on Friday."

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Want to save a life? Blood supplies across the country are critically low and YOU can help! Center Logistics Division will be hosting a blood drive on Thursday 19 May from 0900 to 1400 at Building 1102 (DMO/ServMart warehouse). Donors will receive a FREE limited edition BBQ apron while supplies last and you can still donate if you recently had a tattoo!

Walk-ins are welcome and appointments can be scheduled by calling 1-800-879-4484, visiting [lsblooddride.org/gsa](http://lsblooddride.org/gsa), or by scanning the QR code on the attached flyer.

#### 4. AC/S COMMUNICATIONS

OPDIR 0247-21 and OPDIR 0480-21 require users to submit for authorization in order to obtain write to removable media privileges. Initial processing of OPDIR 0247-21 and OPDIR 0480-21 requires all users who are currently utilizing write to removable media capabilities to be added to the 1st Network Battalion whitelist in order to maintain this ability. If your device has not been whitelisted, you will receive a McAfee Data Loss Prevention pop-up that states "You have plugged in an unauthorized removable storage device into a MCEN computer system. Please contact your local ISSM for details." If the external storage device is not whitelisted, users will lose the ability to write to the device once the McAfee Data Loss Prevention policy is implemented. Contact your unit's Information Systems Coordinator (ISC) in order to initiate the whitelist waiver process.

#### 5. GOVERNMENT AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

#### 6. INSPECTOR GENERAL

#### 7. STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE

"Legal Life Skills" Brief:

Legal Services is now offering a "Legal Life Skills" brief to units. Topics covered will include consumer law, car and house purchases, immigration, avoiding scams, and divorce. The course target audience is the junior Marine demographic, but

it will be helpful to Marines and Sailors of all ages and ranks. The course is aimed to be preventative maintenance to help personnel avoid difficult situations. To schedule a "Legal Life Skills" briefing for your unit/section, e-mail PLMSLSSTLA@usmc.mil <mailto:PLMSLSSTLA@usmc.mil> .

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The MCAGCC Tax Center will remain open until 13 May 2022 for any personnel who still needs to file their taxes.

#### 8. PROTOCOL

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#### WEEKLY SPECIAL SPEEDCALL LOG

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The Marine Corps has concluded training in the Johnson Valley Shared Use Area. The land has been thoroughly inspected and returned to the Bureau of Land Management for public use and recreation.

Johnson Valley Shared Use Area closure dates for 2023:

- . February 17 - 27, 2023
- . August 25 - September 4, 2023

For inquiries or to sign-up for email and text alerts, contact the Resource

Management Group by emailing the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center at:

SMBPLMSJOHNSONVALLEY@usmc.mil <mailto:SMBPLMSJOHNSONVALLEY@usmc.mil> .

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#### Social Media Sites

- Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/thecombatcenter> <<http://www.facebook.com/thecombatcenter>>
- Instagram: @thecombatcenter
- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/combatcenterpao?lang=en> <<https://twitter.com/combatcenterpao?lang=en>>
- Official Website: <http://www.29palms.marines.mil> <<http://www.29palms.marines.mil>>
- MCCS Website: <http://www.mccs29palms.com> <<http://www.mccs29palms.com>>
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